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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR CLARIFIES SUPPORT FOR LATIN  
AMERICAN NEWS AGENCY

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1. VENEZUELA'S AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA, GUIDO GROSCOORS,  
CLARIFIED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR A STATE-CONTROLLED LATIN  
AMERICAN NEWS AGENCY, AT THE JANUARY 17 MEETING OF THE UNESCO  
CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL POLICY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.

2. GROSCOORS, CRITICIZED EARLIER BY WORLD PRESS FREEDOM  
COMMITTEE PRESIDENT BEEBE FOR WHAT THE LATTER TERMED A PROPOSAL  
FOR MORE GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE MEDIA, DEFENDED THE PLAN  
WHICH HE MAINTAINED WAS FIRST APPROVED AT LAST YEAR'S COSTA RICA  
CONFERENCE. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT STATE CONTROL DID NOT  
MEAN GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSED NEWS  
AGENCY WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE NEWS MEDIA,  
NEWSPAPER GUILDS AND GOVERNMENT.

3. THE VENEZUELAN AGREED TO DISCUSS MODIFICATIONS OF THE  
PROPOSAL AFTER SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATES, WHILE REAFFIRMING  
THEIR SUPPORT FOR NON-MONOPOLISTIC REGIONAL NEWS AGENCIES,  
EMPHASIZED THE DANGER OF GOVERNMENT NEWS MONOPOLIES.

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